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MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coverage of the mobile telephone services is very limited and their standard is very poor in most of the districts of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the mobile service in the State; and

(c) the number of new towers installed for the purpose in West Bengal so far, district-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The mobile telephone service has been provided in all the District Headquarters in West Bengal Telecom Circle. The details are given below. A total of 148 cities/towns have been provided with satisfactory mobile telephone services.

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Towers	Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Towers
1	Bankura	14	11	Midnapore (including Midnapore East)	34
2	Birbhum	10	12	Murshidabad	24
3	Burdman	48	13	Nadia	15
4	Coochbehar	8	14	North 24 Paraganas	49
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	6	15	Purulia	9
6	Darjeeling	35	16	South 24 Paraganas	67
7	Hooghly	28	17	Uttar Dinajpur	11
8	Howrah	27	18	Kolkata	34
9	Jalpaiguri	17		Total	449
10	Malda	13			

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) The number of towers installed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, M/s Bharti Cellular Ltd. and M/s Infocom Ltd are 449, 199 and 245 respectively. The details of towers installed district-wise by BSNL are given above.